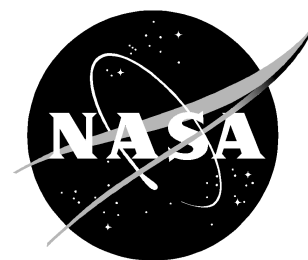


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NOTE TO EDITORS

2001 Mars Odyssey Media Event – TIME CHANGE

The Mars Odyssey news conference to discuss the critical orbit insertion burn has been changed to **2 p.m. EDT** Thursday, October 18.

NASA Langley is supporting the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the aerobraking phase of the mission. Aerobraking uses atmospheric drag to place the Odyssey spacecraft into its proper science orbit. The 70-day aerobraking phase is one of the most critical and difficult phases of the mission.

The briefing will originate from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif., and will be carried live on NASA TV with two-way question and answer capability. Local media are invited to participate from the NASA Langley newsroom located in on North Dryden Street.

Members of the media who wish to participate in the news conference should call Ivelisse Gilman at (757) 864-5036 to arrange for credentials. On Thursday, reporters should arrive at NASA Langley's main gate by 1:45 p.m. They will be met by a representative of the Public Affairs Office, badged and transported to the news room via NASA van.

NASA Television may be accessed on GE-2, Transponder 9C, C-Band, located at 85 degrees West longitude, vertical polarization, frequency of 3880 MHz, with audio at 6.8 MHz.

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